Bridge coke released from Vizag Street Plant

1164. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large quantity of bridge coke is being released particularly from the Vizag Steel Plant;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at this Steel Plant cokes being made out of the higher percentage of imported coal;

(c) whether bridge coke and nut coke are stacked at the same place in this Plant; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that at the time of loading of the bridge coke a large percentage of nut coke is being loaded in connivance with the local officials causing a huge loss to this Steel Plant; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to order a thorough investigation into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is selling coke breeze from the accummulated stocks of previous years after meeting its internal requirements.

(b) Yes, Sir: because of non-availability of required grade of coal indigenously, Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, has to use a higher percentage of imported coal in the blend.

(c) and (d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र में चोरी की घटनायें

1165. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र में हुई चोरी की कितनी घटनाएं प्रकाश में आयी हैं;

(ख) क्या इनमें अवैध रूप से इस्पात को ट्रकों द्वारा बाहर भेजे जाने की अनेक घटनाएं भी शामिल हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसमें अन्तर्ग्रस्त लोगों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं और उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव) : (क) से (ग) बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र में 1992 के दौरान चोरी की 27 घटनाओं तथा 1993 के दौरान (7.12.1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार) 37 घटनाओं का पता चला है। इसमें 5.3.1993 को इस्पात सामग्री से लदे बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र के कुछ ट्रकों का संयंत्र परिसर के बाहर खड़ा होना पाए जाने की घटना भी शामिल है। इस मामले की पुलिस द्वारा जांच की जा रही है।

Revival of HSWC Limited

1166. SHRI JIBON BEHARI ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the concrete steps taken or proposed to be taken for revival of Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd.; and

(b) whether it is a fact that as per instruction of the Ministry of Steel, the management of Hindustan Steel Works Construction Limited (HSCL), has decided to enforce voluntary retirement to shed 7500 workers from its roll, or retrench the said number of work force and has written to labour deptts. of various State Governments seeking approval for such retrenchment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI

SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Government has been giving financial assistance by way of plan and non-plan loans to Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited (HSCL). HSCL on its own has also been making efforts to improve its performance by identifying jobs to be taken in the steel sector, reduction in establishment cost and improvement in efficiency of man power.

(b) The Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) is a voluntary scheme, and the question of enforcing it does not arise. VRS has been in operation in HSCL since 1988 & as on 30th November, 1993, 4116 employees have opted for VRS. HSCL has also not written to Labour Departments of State Governments seeking approval for retrenchment of labour force.

Modernisation of Bokaro Steel Plant

1167. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state the companies shortlisted for taking the work of modernisation of Bokaro Steel Plant indicating the expenditure involved and targets set therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): Government have on 23-7-1993 approved the investment proposal of Steel Authority of India Limited to modernise Bokaro Steel Plant (Stage I) at an estimated capital cost of Rs. 1625.79 crores inclusive of foreign exchange component of Rs. 283.50 crores. The project will be implemented by July, 1997.

The companies so far short listed for the global packages as prime bidders are as follows:—

(i) M/s. Mannesman Demag Huttentechnik, Germany.

(ii) M/s. Voest Alpine, Austria.

(iii) M/s. Davy International, England.

(iv) M/s. SMS Schloemann Siemag, Germany.

(v) M/s. Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi.

(vi) M/s. Mannesmann Demag Sack, Germany.

(vii) M/s. United Engineering Inc., USA.

(viii) M/s. Mitsubishi Corporation, Japan.

Higher Growth Rate in Steel Consumption

1168. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the current decade is likely to witness a higher growth rate in steel consumption in developing countries than in developed countries;

(b) if so, whether the market potential has been assessed for steel exports to the developing countries; and

(c) what are the plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The large public sector steel producers like SAIL are aware of the likely increase in steel consumption in the developing countries and are keeping abreast with the latest trends in the international market for steel products. They have planed to maximise their export thrust to developing countries and newly industrialised countries like china, Burma, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, Indonesia, Nepal, Bangladesh, etc.

Diatari Steel Project in Orissa

1169. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state the stage at which the proposed Daitari Steel Project in Orissa stands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): The foreign investment proposal for setting up a steel plant near